



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 2023

Thursday, August 3, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., SLVWD Conference Room, 12788 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, and via videoconference and teleconference.

1. Convene Meeting/Roll Call: 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mark Smolley, President
Jeff Hill, Vice President
Jaime Ackemann, Director
Bob Fultz, Director

Gail Mahood, Director, absent due to medical issue.

A motion was made and seconded to excuse the absence of Director Mahood.
The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager
Barbara Brenner, District Counsel*
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager and Administrative Analyst
Holly Hossack, District Secretary
Scott Mattoch, Network Specialist
Garrett Roffe, Engineering Manager

*Attended virtually

2. Additions and Deletions: R. Rogers introduced the new Engineering Manager, Garrett Roffe.

3. Oral Communications:

C. Keller and neighbors, Felton, addressed the Board regarding impact of storm on December 31, 2022. They provided a statement which is attached.

The Board will agendize this issue for a future meeting.

4. Unfinished Business:

- a. EMERGENCY CONTRACT AMENDMENT- QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD
R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- Possibility of risk to the entire pipeline/other wash outs

- County standards in the sand hills
- Review the entire contract
- The work has already exceeded the \$250K and is close to the \$600K
- The design is not the original project, the County is approving and “as built” drawings are being produced
- Paid for through reserves
- FEMA process for this project
- Assessment of the rest of the pipeline trench/possible geotech review

Bring this item to the September Engineering & Environmental Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the District Manager to amend the existing contract with Anderson Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for the repair of the failed potable water main in Quail Hollow Road.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **New Business:**

a. 2021-22 STREAMFLOW, SALINITY AND TEMPERATURE MONITORING AND OPERATIONAL GAUGING REPORT

C. Blanchard explained this item and introduced Chelsea Neill with Balance Hydrologics.

C. Neill presented the report.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- A hole in our data collection due to storm damage of gauges/correlation with other water shed gauges
- Regulatory agency is more interested in critically dry years
- This information is for our benefit not a requirement
- How much data is enough data?
- Water rights & permits

A motion was made and seconded for the Board to accept the staff report and presentation concerning the Water Year (WY) 2021 & 2022 Streamflow, Salinity and Temperature Monitoring and Operational Gauging Report.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. VERIZON CELLULAR SITE - CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT

R. Rogers introduced and explained this item.

Discussion by the Board regarding:

- Improvement of cell service is good news
- Environmental aspects; noise, signals, etc.

- Location regarding signal issues
- Benefit to the community
- This is not approval, just exploring
- Public outreach
- Potential liability
- Upfront fee/charging for our time (expending staff and resources); legal, public meeting(s), environmental study
- Termination options

C. Dzendzel, Felton, supports this exploration. Who will be paying for the PG&E service? Verizon will be paying for the power and a generator.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board authorizes the District Manager to execute the concept of a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the installation of a Wireless Communications Facility at the District's Lyon Water Treatment Facility, subject to mutually acceptable terms including a deposit.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda: Approved

a. SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES 7.13.23

7. Written Communication: None

8. Informational Material: None

9. Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 17, 2023

Holly B. Hassack
Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary

STATEMENT

DATE: August 3, 2023

TO: Board of Directors, San Lorenzo Valley Water District

FROM: The neighbors of Brookside Drive, Felton CA

SUBJECT: Emergency Action Request for Repair of Exposed SLVWD infrastructure on Brookside Drive from FEMA winter storms (4683 & 4699)

TESTIMONY and SEQUENCE OF EVENTS (followed by pictures)

On the morning of December 31st, 2022, during the early hours of the first atmospheric event (aka FEMA 4683), my neighbors reported low water pressure. A team of SLVWD employees arrived and began looking for the pipe break, an impossible task given our road was quickly turning into a river.

At 1:30pm, while SLVWD employees were working, we received the following:

From: **donotreply@scr911.org** <no-reply@onsolve.com>

Date: Sat, Dec 31, 2022 at 1:33 PM

This is an emergency message from Felton Fire Department. Brookside Drive is quickly deteriorating and evacuations on a voluntary basis are highly recommended, due to flooding over the roadway.

My neighbors evacuated just in time and returned the following day to utter devastation. Melissa Sexton and Todd Cook at 1058 Brookside Drive, the last home on the block, didn't even have time to move their second car, the Subaru.

The river washed out our road exposing vulnerable SLVWD infrastructure, pipes that by most estimates date to the 1920s or 30's. These 90–100-year-old pipes serve 12 households on Brookside Drive, a one-lane private road in Felton that runs along Shinglemill Creek, spanning approx. 1500ft, or less than .25 mile.

I notified SLVWD of the exposed pipes through Customer service On Jan 6, 2023, at 1:01 PM, Chelsea Sladwick <csladwick@slvwd.com>

I received the following SLVWD correspondence on January 9th, 2023

From: Chelsea Sladwick <csladwick@slvwd.com>

Subject: RE: Brookside Drive exposed pipes/washout from Pine water pipe breakage

Date: January 9, 2023 at 10:45:01 AM PST

To: Chris Keller <chris@chriskeller.com>

Good morning Chris,

Please see response from our Director of Operations Below:

We are currently working internally on a solution to this exposed main line. Trenching and lowering of the main line will need to be complete. The District estimates 3 of 4 weeks to be able to do so.

Thank you,

James Furtado
Director of Operations
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
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It's now 8 months later, so you can understand our frustration as many of my neighbors are seniors and families with small children. Four of the families are still unable to access their homes because of the road and fallen trees.

While power and water were restored following the New Year's Eve disaster, our road was not, and the exposed and antiquated SLVWD pipes are now the obstacle, preventing us from moving forward with these crucial road repairs.

Thankfully, we collectively applied for FEMA aid, and thus far, we've had 7 of 9 FEMA claims for #4683 granted with 2 claims pending, and we have 9 pending claims for #4699, since the second federally declared disaster in February further eroded our road, creating dangerous sinkholes and causing portions of our road to collapse into Shinglemill creek. With approval of the 2 pending 4683 claims, we'd be at \$360k, and should our 9 claims for #4699 be approved, we would have double that figure to rebuild and pave our road. We qualified under FEMA's IHP (Individual & Households Program) for private roads and bridges. (As a private road, we don't receive any County support for our road.)

With fire season upon us, we consider this to be an urgent matter because if we had a fire, all our homes would burn, as firetrucks can no longer access us, even though we're located 1 mile from Felton Fire and CAL Fire headquarters. The CZU fire came within a mile of our homes, and we were evacuated for 10 days.

Even USPS and UPS won't allow their drivers on our road. This week, Davey Tree's heavy machinery ran over and broke the exposed line. PG&E has agreed to return and remove the remnants of the massive trees that fell on our road, but now will not send Davey Tree back until the SLVWD pipes are retrenched.

The home of Mathew Needham at 1006 still has a tree in the living room because a crane cannot access for fear their machinery would obliterate the pipes.

QUESTIONS FOR SLVWD and the BOARD of DIRECTORS:

1. With the FEMA funds granted for rebuilding, **we are ready to proceed with road repairs so we can restore access for our neighbors and emergency vehicles and will begin Monday, October 16th.** With winter coming, we are all getting nervous as our road will not make it through another winter.

What steps will SLVWD take in the 2.5 months to prepare their exposed and brittle infrastructure?

2. Is **Brookside Drive in Felton on the SLVWD FEMA project list?** If not, what steps will SLVWD take to have FEMA inspect our road? The broken pipes and exposed infrastructure are a direct result from these federally declared disasters.

3. Mark Magdaleno at Granite Construction is our contractor. **Would SLVWD consider having Mark provide an estimate for the SLVWD infrastructure upgrade so one contractor is handling the entire Brookside Drive Project?**

4. If SLVWD does not do an infrastructure upgrade between now and October 16th, how will SLVWD handle the exposed infrastructure? Will SLVWD be prepared to deal with 90-100 year old brittle pipes buried under asphalt?

FINANCIAL RESOURCES for SLVWD:

Given SLVWD's ancient infrastructure, has SLVWD considered tapping into the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) & Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds through U.S. EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help with budgetary shortfalls?

There are also funds available through EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) for low interest, long-term loans. (Santa Cruz was awarded \$128 million in May, Soquel was awarded \$88 million for water reuse three years ago. Redwood City, Union City, Newark, Sunnyvale, and many other cities received millions in the form of grants and loans through CA and EPA.) Has SLVWD applied for these programs, and if so, what is the status?

Additionally, California Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWRSF) can help areas with lead pipes/aging infrastructure. Has SLVWD applied for those programs? If so, where does SLVWD stand in this process?

Thank you for reviewing our situation and addressing our questions. We kindly ask that the board authorize an infrastructure upgrade for Brookside Drive in Felton, as we are running out of time and have an October 16th deadline. We have the funds to now pave, which will fully protect new SLVWD infrastructure.

On behalf of all of us on Brookside Drive, thank you for your kind consideration.

Best,

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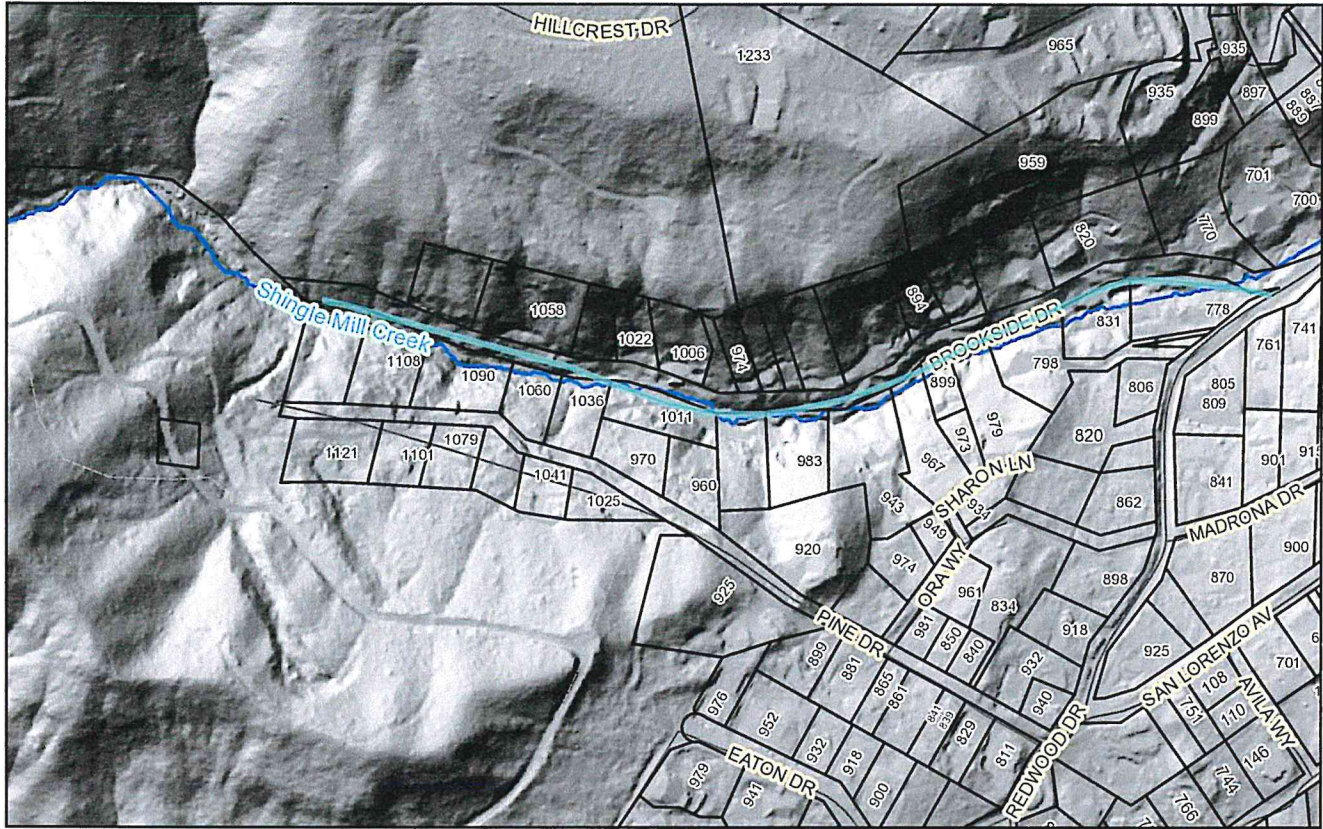
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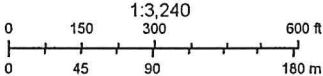
Brookside Drive



January 20, 2023

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San Mateo County Resource Conservation District, Cal Fire, California









